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More than 25 miners died in an explosion in a West Virginia mine recently. The Massey mine company was cited for hundreds of safety violations. It was cheaper for the company to pay the fines than correct the safety infractions. In my opinion, the workers were murdered by the company! But, the fact that companies in the United States refuse to comply with laws and regulations and make a financial decision to pay the much cheaper fines is criminal. What kind of system would support the owners over the safety and lives of the workers? OUR SYSTEM!

In fact, the Postal Service also takes the position that it is cheaper to violate the contract than to comply with it. That is why we are stuck with hundreds of thousands of grievances. The only time we can get contract compliance is to make it more costly for the Postal Service to violate the contract than to comply with it. This means escalating remedies!

Last month I wrote about the MIARAP revisits that management reneged on. As of this writing, the hundreds of overburdened routes still have not been provided the relief promised! This is yet another example of an appalling act by management. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Union lead DEAT team member for the Capital District area, Chuck Clark. He went way above and beyond the call of duty!

Please visit our web site set up by Union Brother Chuck Clark at (WWW.NALC3825.COM). We have added important Step B decisions, Formal A settlements as well as arbitration decisions and some contentions. You can see how much money each supervisor in the nation makes. You can also see the number of stops on each route, and detailed colored maps for every route in the country!

IN THE STRUGGLE,

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